

## **CLAIMS**

1. A holding device for a breathing mask for connecting the mask to a protective helmet with fastening hooks on both sides of the breathing mask that can be hooked into hook receptacles formed on the outside of the protective helmet, characterized in that the fastening hooks are connected to the breathing mask through a length-adjustable, slack tightening strap, in that stop elements that are both frictionally engaged as well as in positive contact with the helmet are formed in the area of the fastening hook to hold the fastening hook in hooked-in position, and in that sliding elements that stretch beyond the stop elements are positioned at an offset for automatic positioning of the fastening hook in the hook receptacle when the tightening straps are tightened.

2. The holding device according to claim 1, characterized in that a grip end with a recess is molded to the fastening hook and a retainer piece is molded to the tightening strap, and in that said retainer piece positively fits into the recess, while the stop elements are molded to the free surface of the retainer piece and the sliding elements are molded to the lateral edges of the recess formed in the grip end.

3. The holding device according to claim 2, characterized in that the fastening hook including the grip end and sliding elements consist of a firm material with a low friction coefficient and in that the retainer piece with the stop elements molded onto it consists of a material with a high friction coefficient.

4. The holding device according to claim 2, characterized in that ribs that are fixed in locking openings formed in the grip end are molded onto the retainer

piece for positive contact, and in that the tightening strap connected with the retainer piece is conducted through a slot in the grip end.

5. The holding device according to claim 2, characterized in that a protruding first grip element is formed on the grip end.

6. The holding device according to claim 1, characterized in that an ergonomically molded second grip element is formed on the fastening hook.

7. The holding device according to claim 1, characterized in that the tightening strap is orientated between the anchoring on the breathing mask and the anchoring in the hook receptacle so that a greater tensile strain acts upon the upper portion of the tightening strap than on its lower portion.